

REMARKS

In light of the Advisory Action mailed February 5, 2007, refusing entry of the amendments contained in the Reply dated January 19, 2007, the Applicants do not request entry of those amendments, but instead request entry of the foregoing amendments, which are based on the claims as finally rejected.

The Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended during the telephone interview conducted February 8, 2007, during which the non-entered amendments were specifically discussed. As a result of the telephone interview, steps (a) – (c) of claims 5 and 6 have been substantially combined at the Examiner's suggestion to emphasize the decision step that the Examiner indicated to most clearly distinguish the invention from the prior art, as the invention is currently claimed.

Although a series of voice mail exchanges have not as yet brought an indication of allowable claims, the Applicants believe that the Examiner indicated the foregoing amendments to represent progress toward an allowable expression. The Examiner also indicated that a positive step of transferring the operation units to the registers, between the deciding step and the executing step, might be beneficial. To this end, the Applicants request another telephone interview with the Examiner, before preparation of another Office Action to discuss agreeable language for the transferring step contemplated by the Examiner.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the Applicants request reconsideration of the rejection and allowance of the claims.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of

this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of Mattingly, Stanger, Malur & Brundidge, P.C., Deposit Account No. 50-1417 (referencing attorney docket no. NIT-294).

Respectfully submitted,

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